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COMBINED SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN KOREA



Purpose

**To provide an overview of
combined ROK/US
special operations in Korea**

Topics



- Threat Overview
- SOCKOR / CUWTF Overview
- Combined Special Operations



The Threat



A Willingness To Fight & Die

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nK Objectives

• Survival of the Regime



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- Survival of the Regime
- Unify the Peninsula



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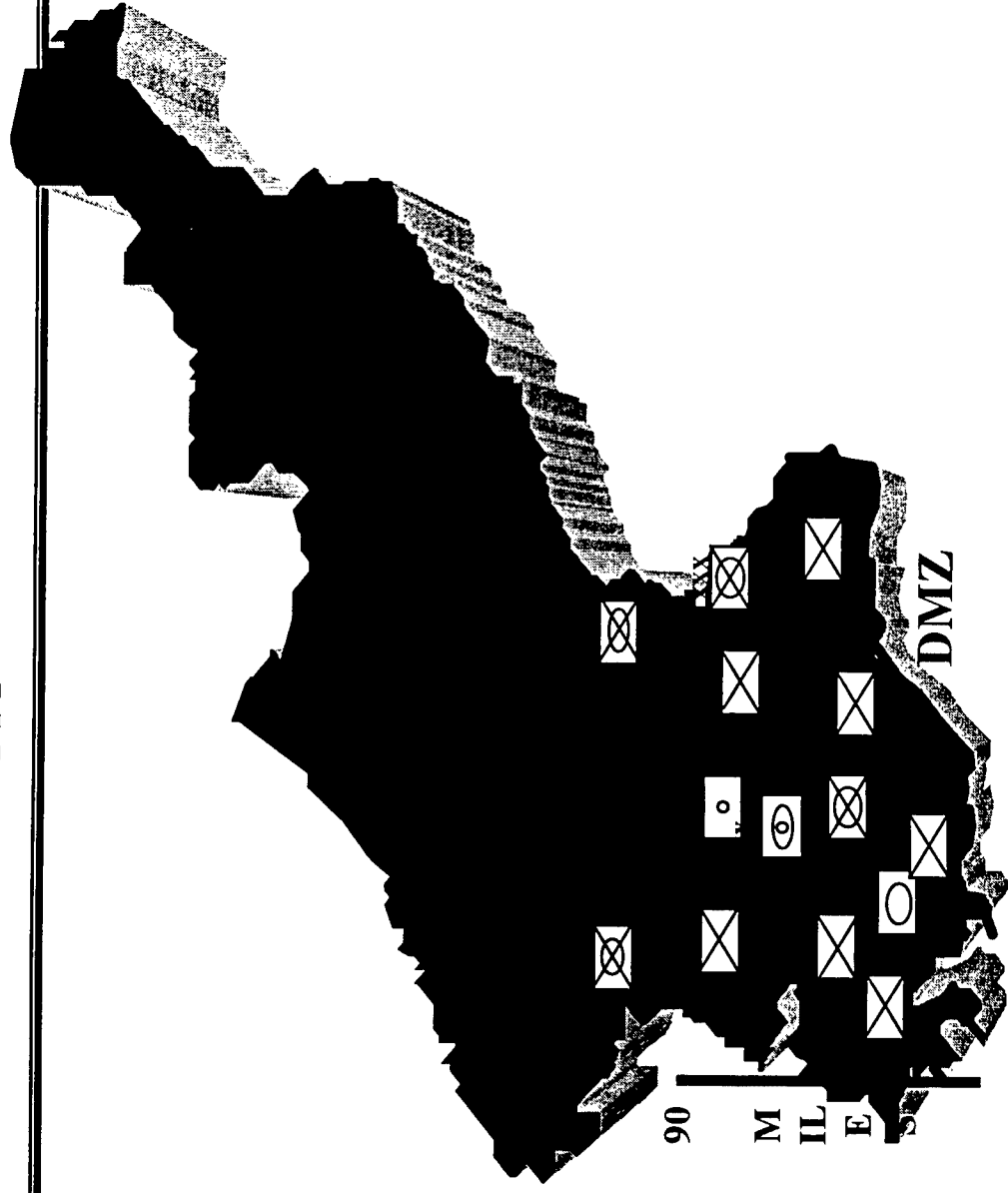


nK Objectives

- Survival of the Regime
- Unify the Peninsula
- International Recognition



nK Capability, Proximity and Mass.....

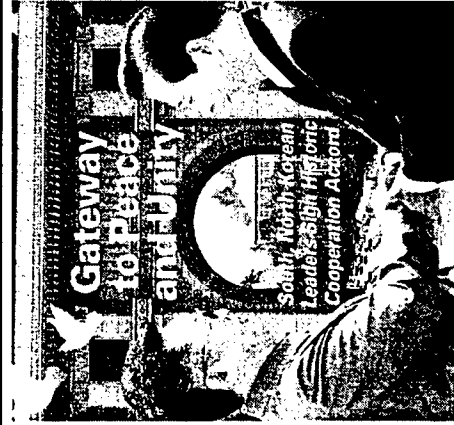


nK Asymmetric Capabilities



- **Special Operations Forces**
- **Weapons of Mass Destruction**
- **Theater Ballistic Missiles**
- **Terrorism**

KOREAN THAW

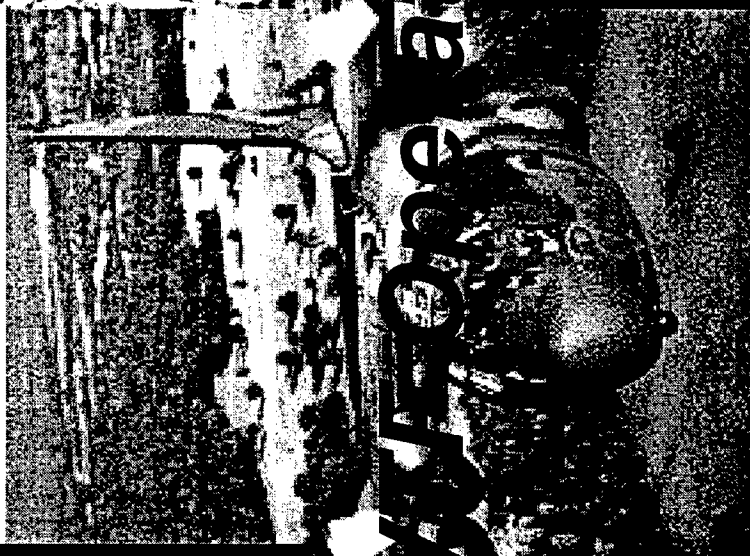


WHERE WE HAVE BEEN

- FIRST EVER N-S SUMMIT BETWEEN N-S LEADERS
- FIRST EVER N-S DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING
- RENEWED FAMILY REUNIONS - 1984
- RENEWED MINISTERS' MEETING
 - 1972, 1992, 2000
- NEW N-S TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR THROUGH DMZ
- MINE-CLEARING

- FIRST EVER TALKS BETWEEN US SEC STATE & NORTH KOREA'S LEADER

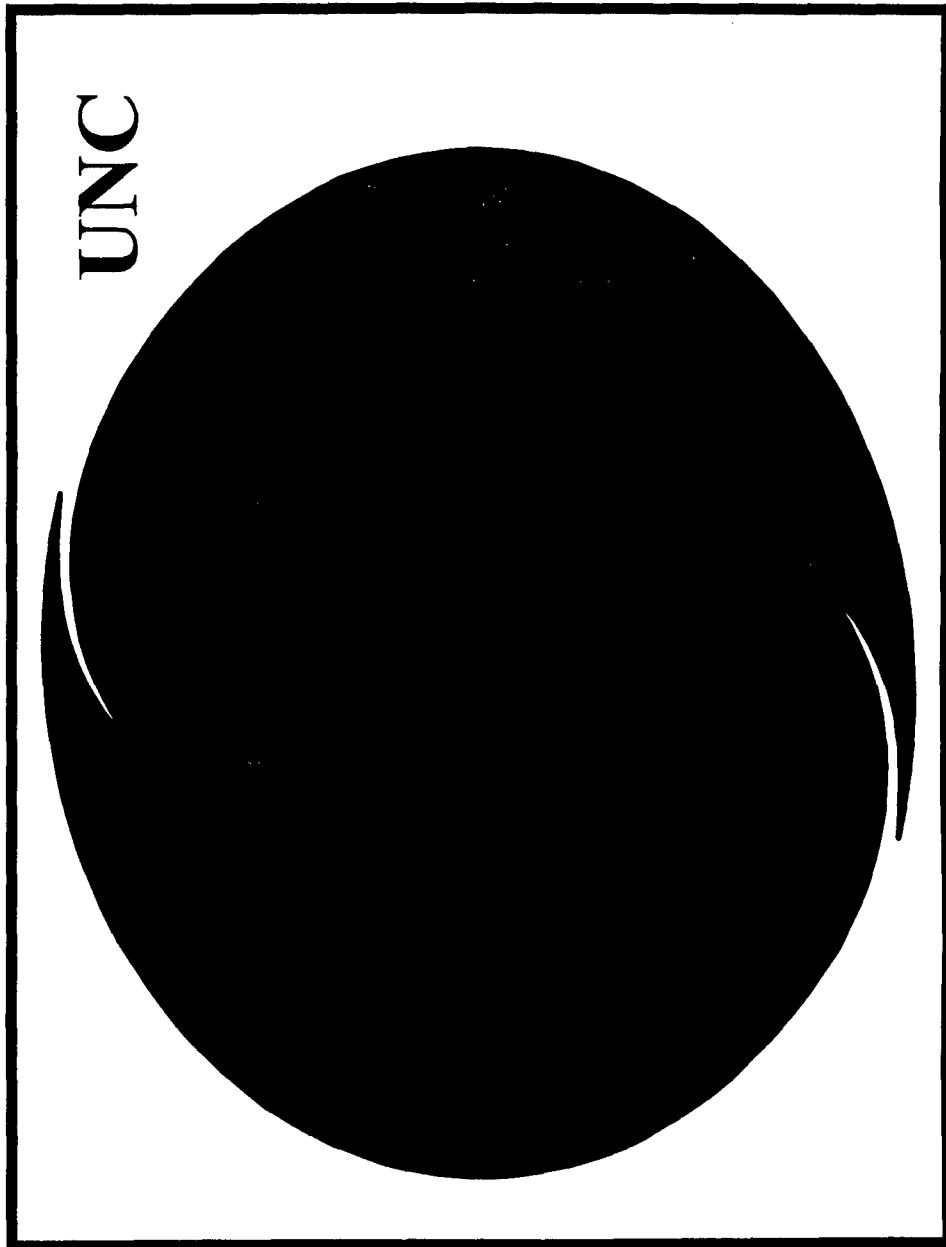




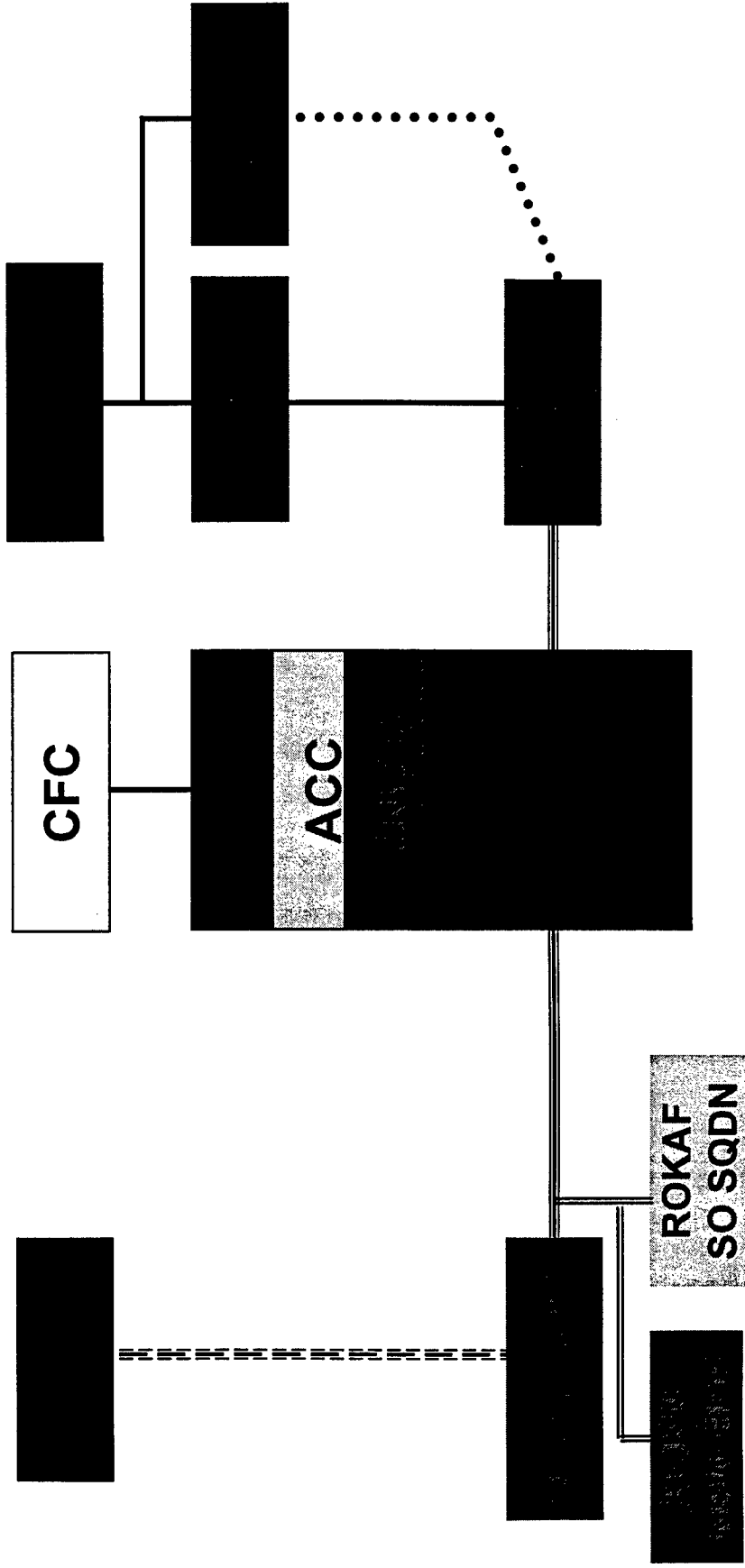
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Nested Command Structures



CFC and CUWTF Combined Organization

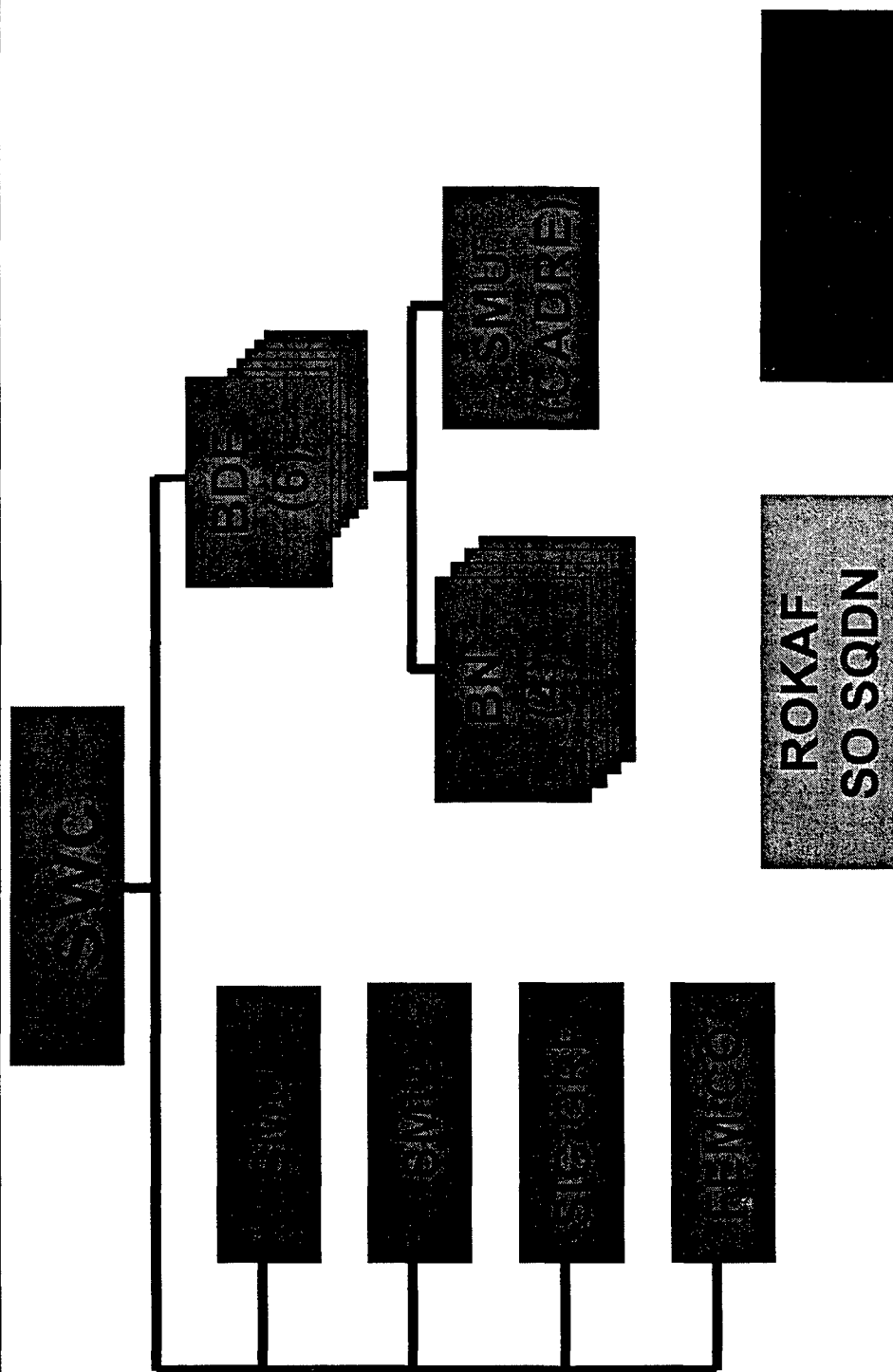


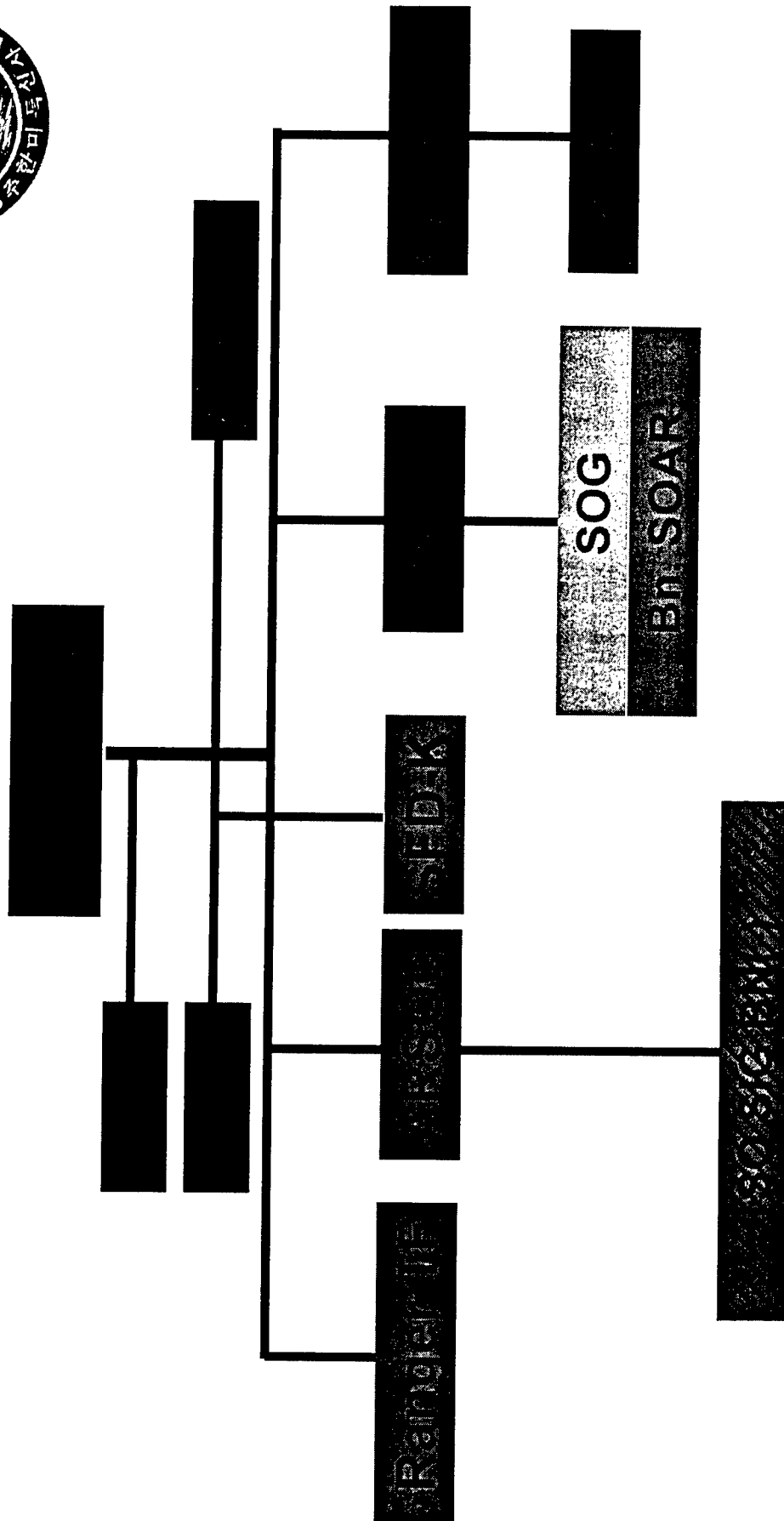
CUWTF Mission



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- On order, CUWTF supports CINCUNC/CFC in a phased defense of the ROK.
 - Upon conclusion of hostilities, CUWTF forces will assist the restructuring plans of the ROK and US NCMAs

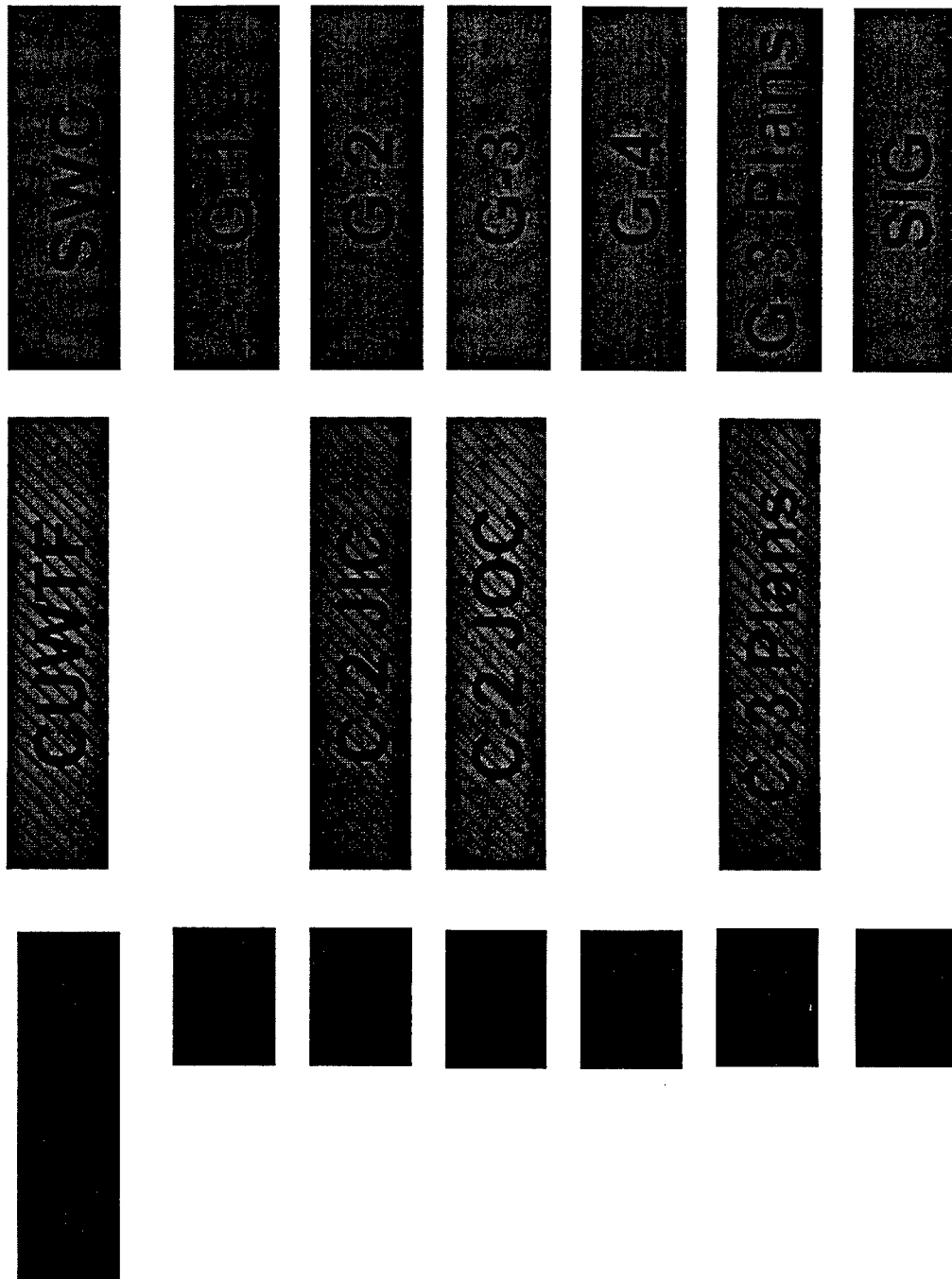
ROK SOF to CUWTF







Parallel Staff Structure





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COMBAT EMPLOYMENT

DEEP

Create 2d Front
Disrupt reinforcing /
retreating KPA

"CLOSE"

Support Field Armies
(SR/DA)

WONSAN

MYELGONG

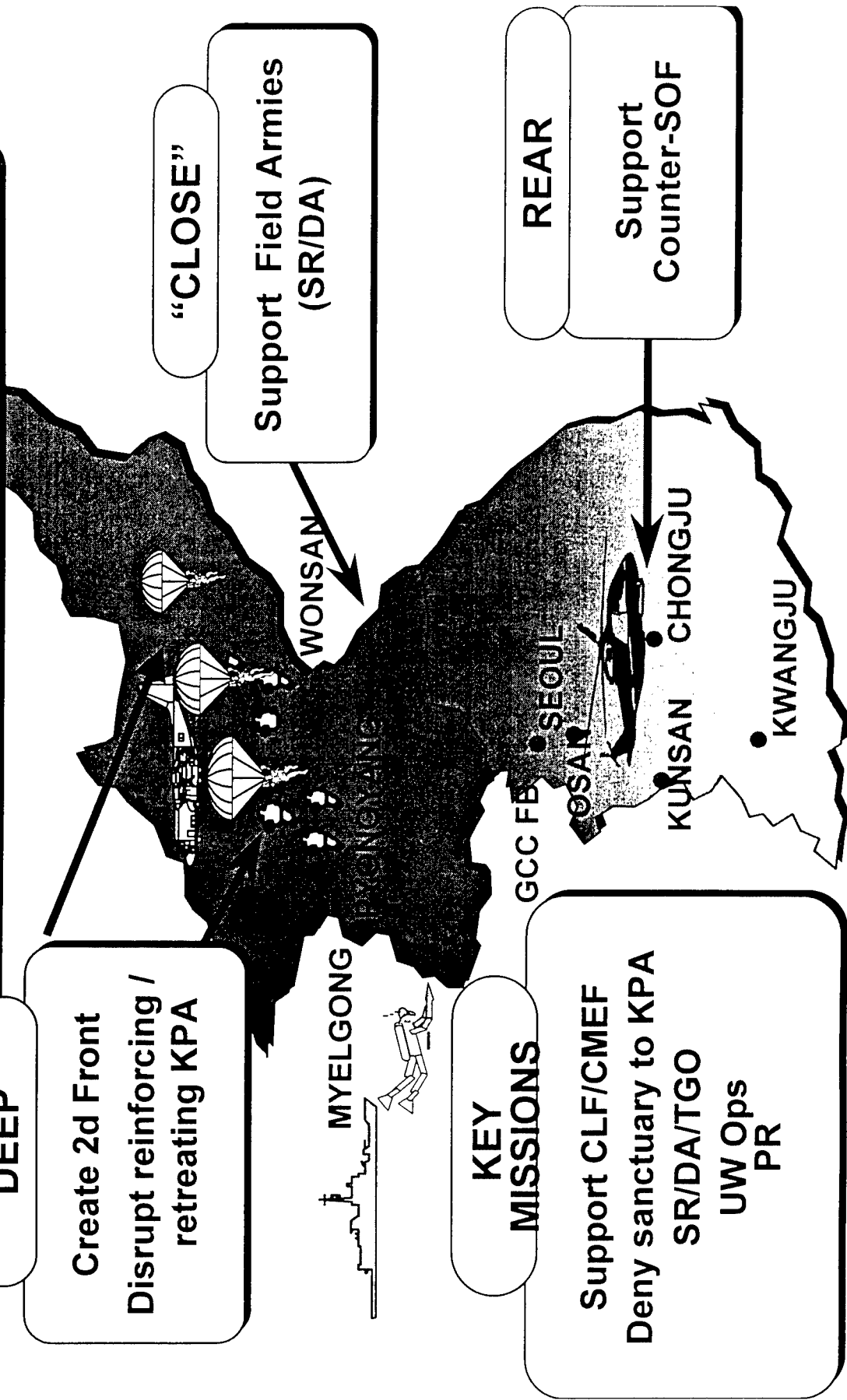


KEY MISSIONS

Support CLF/CMEF
Deny sanctuary to KPA
SR/DA/TGO
UW Ops
PR

REAR

Support
Counter-SOF



Combined SOF Key Tasks



-
- SR/DA/TGO against targets of strategic and operational significance
 - SOF LNOs at UNC/CFC Components, Field Armies, and ROK SF Brigades
 - Unconventional Warfare focusing on separating the population from the regime
 - Personnel Recovery
 - Training, advising, assisting ROK forces in Rear Area Defense

Key US SOF Tasks



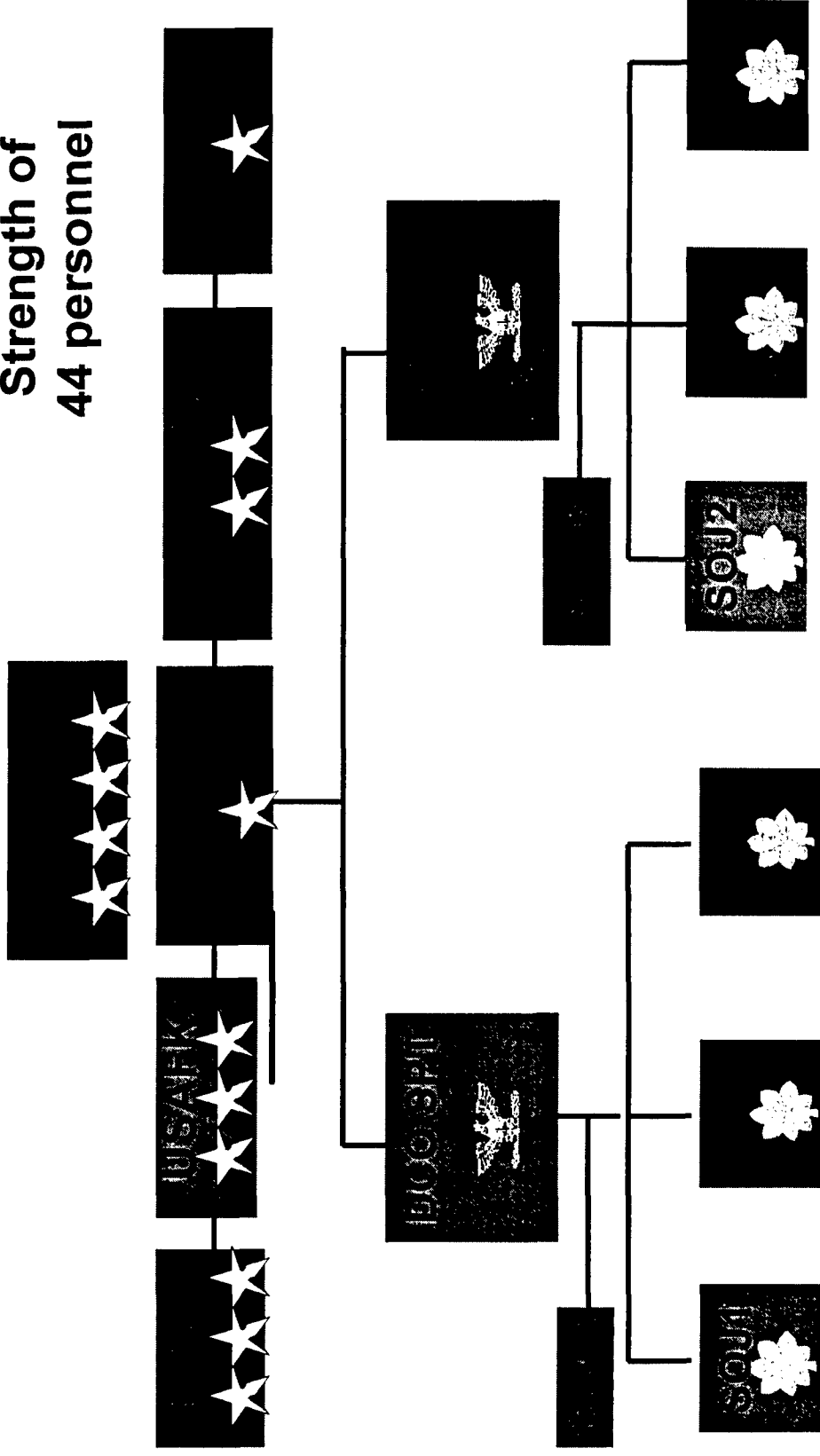
- As US Element of CUWTF, plan and conduct joint/combined SO in CINCUNC/CFC AOR
- As UNC SOF HQ, integrate Third Country SOF into theater organizations
- As SOCKOR, establish US JTF for COMUSKOREA



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SOCKOR Organization Under

**Assigned
Strength of
44 personnel**



★ JTMD: Additional 434 Wartime Requirements

SOCKOR Mission



- SOCKOR plans and conducts Special Operations, which include Psychological Operations, Civil Affairs, and selected collateral activities, in support of COMUSKOR / CINCUNC in armistice and crisis.
- On order, SOCKOR combines with ROK SOF to establish the CUWTF and conducts operations ISO CINCUNC/CFC

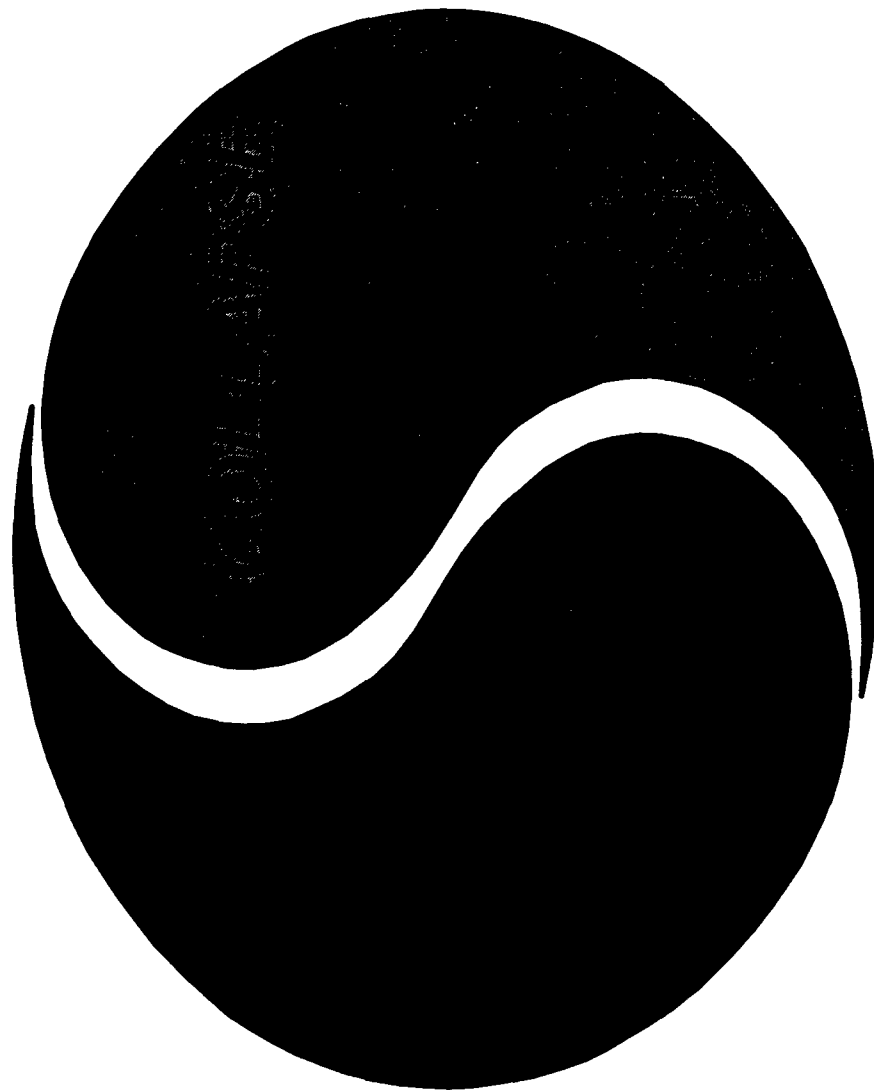
Special Forces Detachment Korea (SFD-K)

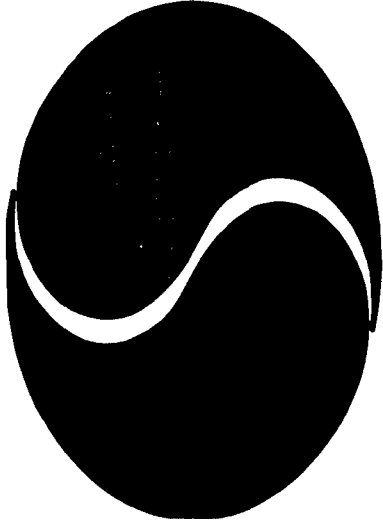


- **Mission:** SFD-K enhances ROK/US interoperability by providing liaison between US SOF and ROK SF during armistice, crisis, and war.
- **Key Tasks:**
 - **Armistice:**
 - Advise and assist ROKA SF Brigades Interoperability
 - Coordinate US air support during armistice contingency / war:
 - Provide liaison: ROK SF, CJSOAC, UNC/CFC
 - Deconflict special operations



The Future



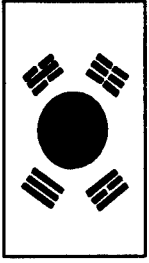


Challenges of a failed north Korea - Collapse or Post Hostilities

- Political - social - economic breakdown
- Violence and lawlessness
- Atrocities
- Refugees
- Humanitarian suffering
- Civil war & chaos
- Disposition of WMD/UXO

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Emerging ROK SOF Vision



- SOF will play a significant role in stabilizing and restoring north Korea following hostilities or a regime collapse
- SOF is key to influencing the critical population factors
- SOF must focus on the “human terrain”
- SOF can help ensure internal stability

Maintain Future ROK SOF relevance

Prepare Now

For an uncertain future

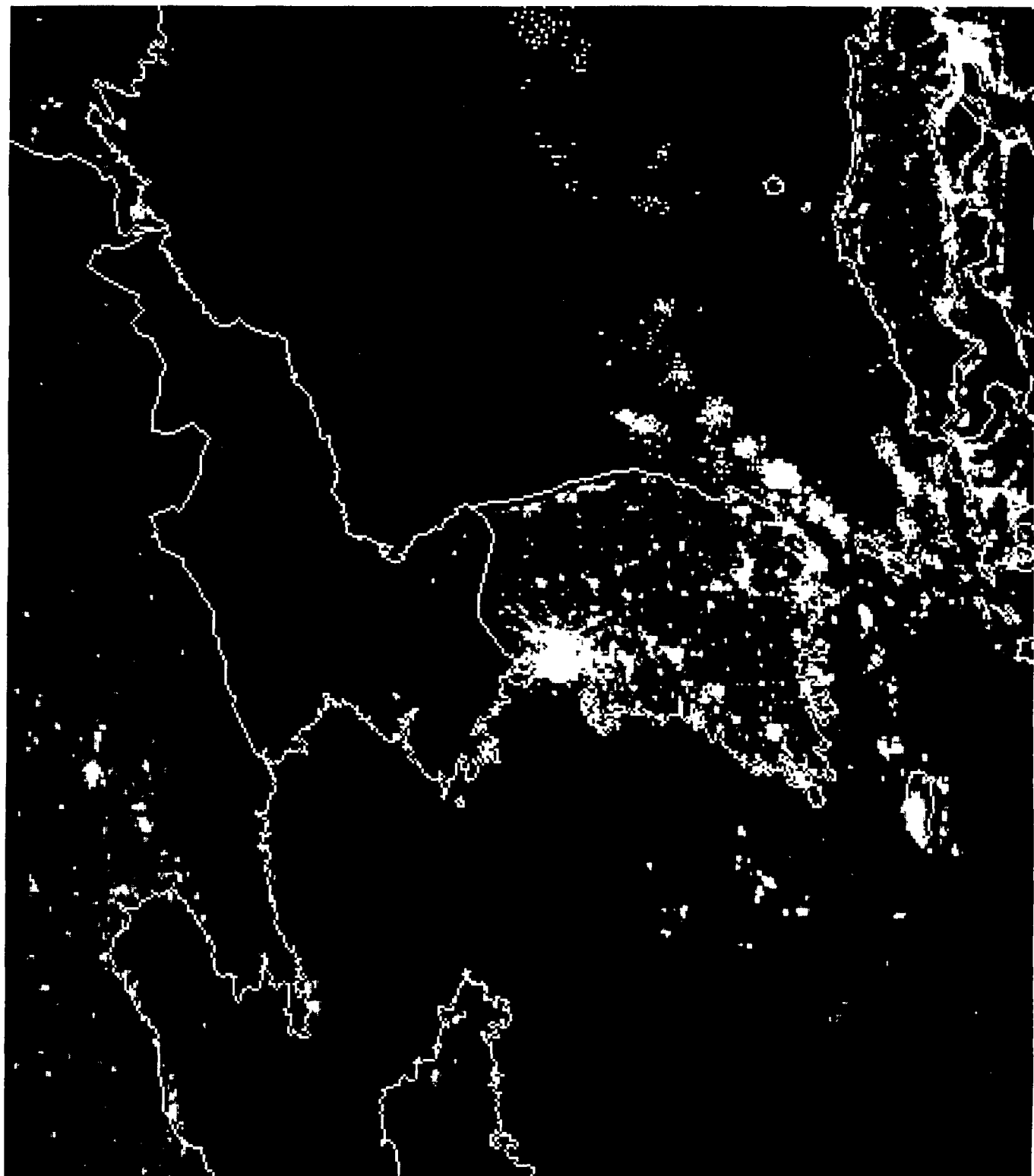


- Two threats on the Korean Peninsula
 - War and Collapse
- It is certain that some conflict will occur
 - ROK/US forces train for this certainty
- It is uncertain what post-hostilities or collapse will look like
 - ROK/US forces must educate for this uncertainty
- Uncertainty is complicated by the human element
- This is a niche for Combined SOF in Korea



Conclusion

- North Korean situation is uncertain and complex
 - War on the peninsula will be characterized by unparalleled suffering
 - Collapse will be hard to distinguish from war
- Combined SOF will be a major player in any scenario
- SOCKOR integrates US SOF to contribute to Combined SOF's success



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QUESTIONS